

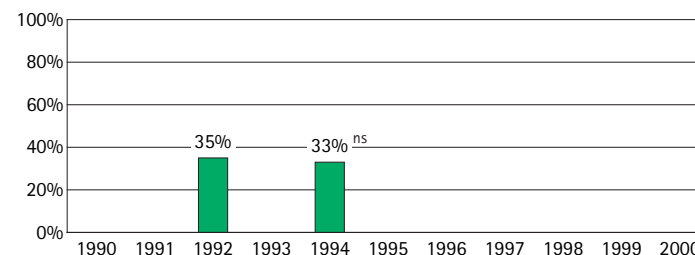
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*Not yet. Between 1992 and 1994, there was no significant change in the percentage of public school 4th graders who met the Goals Panel's performance standard in reading. New Jersey did not participate in the 4th grade NAEP reading assessment in 1998.*

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ns Interpret with caution. Change was not statistically significant.  
Reading performance will be tested again in 2002.

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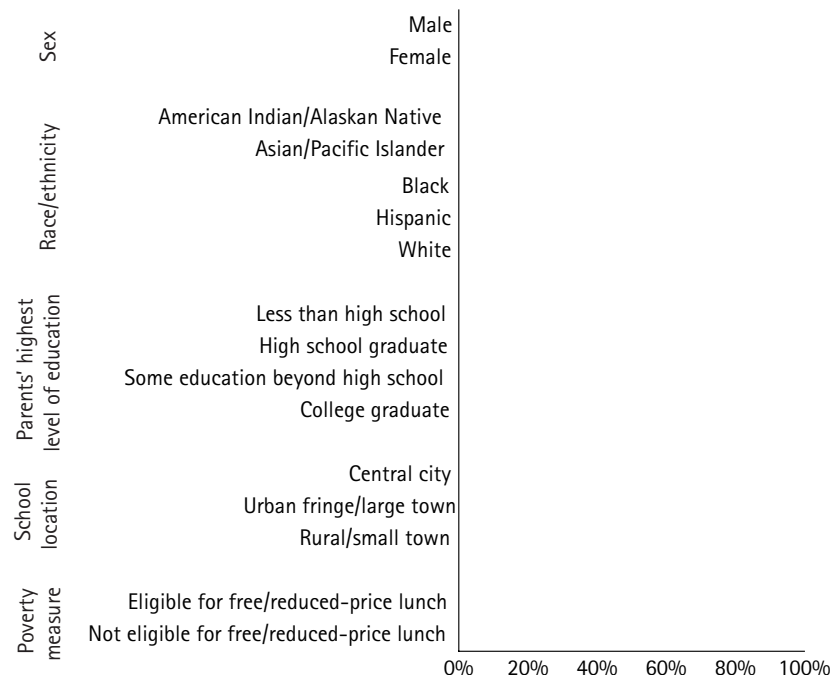
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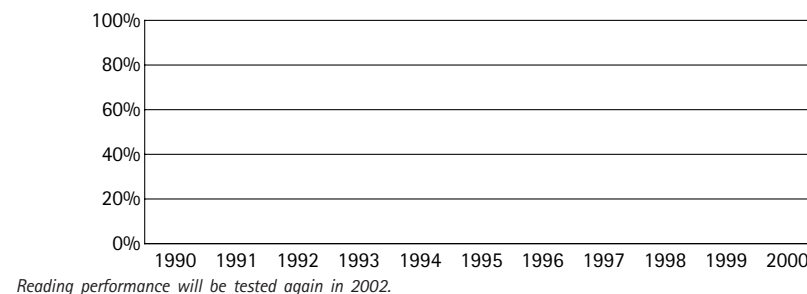
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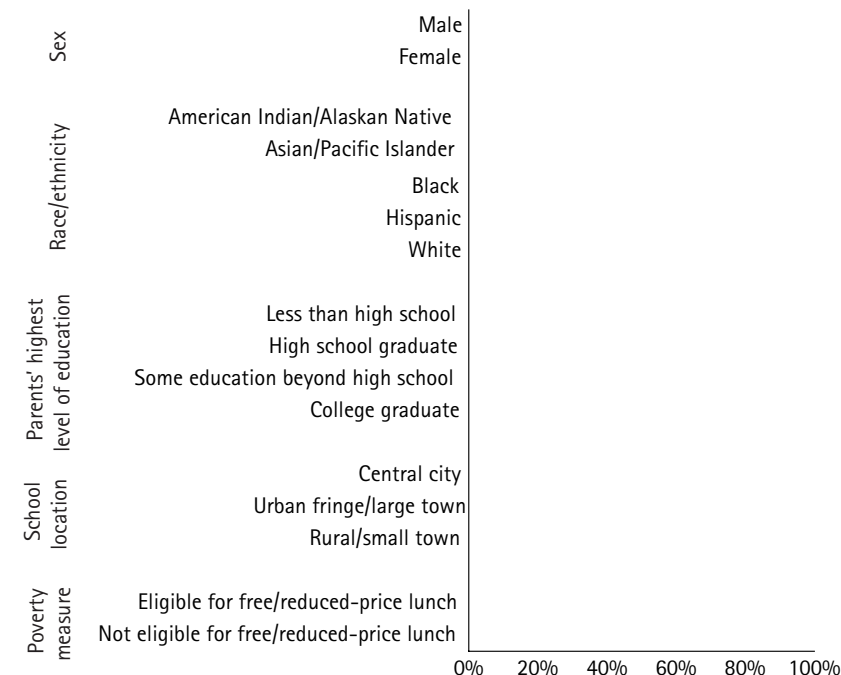
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